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STUDENT LYNCHERS

Mob of College Boys Hanged Davis at Annapolis.

ARRESTS EXPECTED SOON

Authorities Declare that They Have Positive Evidence.

St. John's College Students, Candidates for Naval Academy, and Annapolis Youths Composed Mob, According to Witnesses of Attack on Jail—Rope from College Used for Hanging Confessed Assailant of Mrs. John Reed.

Special to The Washington Post.
Annapolis, Md., Dec. 22.—It is the firm conviction of the authorities of Anne Arundel County that the lynching Friday morning of Henry Davis, the confessed assailant of Mrs. John Reed, was a ghastly lark of St. John's College students, candidates awaiting examination for the Naval Academy and Annapolis youths. Evidence is accumulating to the effect that the mob that battered down the jail doors, awed the jailers, hanged the pleading negro, and afterward riddled his body with bullets was composed of about forty schoolboys. The evidence, it is said, is more than circumstantial, and witnesses at the jail say they can

A Lynching Forgotten

After 95 Years
Of Amnesia,
Annapolis Confronts
The Ugly Death
Of Henry Davis

STORY BY NELSON HERNANDEZ

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Newspapers, including The Washington Post, at first incorrectly reported that St. John's College students led the mob that lynched Henry Davis.

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